

REMARKS

This paper is filed in response to the U.S.P.T.O. Office Action dated August 19, 2005.

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

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I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

As of the date of this Amendment, claims 1-6 and 9-12, 14-60 remain pending. Each of independent claims 1, 3-5, 9, and 11 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 33. Each of independent claims 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 39, 41-42, 49, 51, 55, and 57 has been resubmitted with the allowable subject matter of claim 33 added thereto. Claims 1, 3-5, 9, 11, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 39, 41-42, 49, 51, 55, and 57 are independent claims.

II. ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

In the Office Action mailed August 19, 2005, the Examiner indicated that claim 33, (among other claims) would be allowed if rewritten in independent form to include all the limitation of the base claim (independent claim 18) and any intervening claims (none).

In this Response, Applicants have resubmitted independent claim 18 including the subject matter of allowable dependent claim 33, thereby placing claim 18 in condition for allowance, as well the claims dependent thereon.

Applicants have further amended each of independent claims 1, 3-5, 9, and 11, to include the allowable subject matter of claim 33, thereby placing claims 1, 3-5, 9, 11 in condition for allowance, as well the claims dependent thereon.

Applicants have also resubmitted each of independent claims 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 39, 41-42, 49, 51, 55, and 57 with the allowable subject matter of claim 33 added thereto, thereby

placing claims 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 39, 41-42, 49, 51, 55, and 57 in condition for allowance, as well the claims dependent thereon.

In accordance with the rules for amending reissue claims, Applicants note that presently pending claims 33-60 correspond to previously submitted claims 34-61, each claim's number having been reduced by one, due to the removal of claim 33 and the insertion of the subject matter of this claim into independent claim 18.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above-amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the objections and rejections in allowance in each of claims 1-6, 9-12, 14-60 in connection with the present application is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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